

derived from Rome's pagan Saturnalia (the festival of Saturn that began December 17) that was noted for its revelry.

K. Attitude of the Jehovah's Witnesses toward Drinking and Smoking.

The Jehovah's Witnesses have no specific ban on drinking alcoholic beverages, but anyone who drinks to excess will be disfellowshipped. The Jehovah's Witnesses say that smoking pollutes the body and therefore should be avoided.

L. Defections from the Jehovah's Witnesses

1. Dawn Bible Students Association

- a. Broke away after Russell's death
- b. Headquarters are in East Rutherford, N.J.

2. Laymen's Home Missionary Movement

- a. Began in 1917
- b. First leader was Paul S.L. Johnson

c. Headquarters are in ~~Phila. Pa.~~ at Saint Matthews Road, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, 19425

Note: Kurt Haffen is of the opinion that approximately twenty groups have left the Jehovah's Witnesses.

III. A Survey of the Key Doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses

A. Doctrine of Jesus Christ

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Jesus Christ was an angel, then a man, and then an angel again, but they do not believe Jesus Christ is God.

Note the following beliefs of the Jehovah's Witnesses about Jesus Christ:

1. His Prehuman State

- a. He was the first creation of God (Rev. 3:14; Col. 1:15; and Prov. 8:22)
- b. He was an angel who was known in Heaven as Michael, the archangel (Jude 9)
- c. He had a prehuman existence (John 8:58)
- d. He shared with Jehovah in creating all other things (Col. 1:16,17 and John 1:1-3,10 cf. Gen. 1:26)